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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the specifications, the title and paragraph [0031] have been amended to correct minor editorial problems based on the examiners comments.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more clearly define the scope to the application with respect to the specifications and the intent of the application.

All claims remain in this application based on the following remarks in response to the examiners action.

In view of the examiners earlier restrictions, the applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

Williams et.al. (U.S. 5,738,178) discloses an orienter that is similar in makeup to prior patents and applications in the fundamental sense that the orienter is utilized to rotate the drilling assembly. With regard to Claim 1, Williams et.al. discloses a drilling assembly comprising, a drill string, bottomhole assembly; having a motor, a drill bit, a deflection structure, and a torque compensation assembly for providing torque to "said bottomhole assembly", and a swivel assembly "between lower end of said drill string and an upper end of bottom hole assembly to permit mutual rotational motion there between".

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The application presented submits the position that through the drawings, specifications, and claims, the orienter detail is depicted to provide rotation to the rotatable housing of the orienter only, located between the motor and drill bit. This is more clearly defined in the amended Claim 1 as presented earlier.

Because the amended claim does not describe what is in the prior art the amended claim is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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